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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

Small business is the backbone of America's thriving economy. My local ISP provider in Berkeley, CA is a great example. They provide excellent service at a competitive price, as well as highly-responsive support.

It's an accepted fact that competition in a market is good news for consumers, and this is definitely true when it comes to internet and telephone service. For those of us who operate a small business, the cost and availability of these products is essential to our success.

The large ISPs may offer a wide range of broadband services but their pricing is rarely transparent, and my past experience has been one of recurring surprises and unexpected costs.

I've had DSL service with my local ISP for many years, and they're about to upgrade me to fiber AT NO ADDITIONAL COST. In addition, their service comes bundled with a phone line...this is a wonderful deal!

I strongly urge you to support broadband and telephone competition.

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